

CELEBRATING THE ASIA PACIFIC
CULTURAL CENTER'S 25TH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Asia Pacific Cultural Center in Tacoma, Washington.

E Pluribus Unum. Out of many, one.

That motto, the motto of our Nation, reflects a truth embodied by the Asia Pacific Cultural Center for the last 25 years—that our region's amazing diversity is a blessing. That the people and cultures that have come from so many places should be celebrated. And, importantly, that the celebration of that diversity can be a force for uniting us.

Since 1996 the Asia Pacific Cultural Center has served as that unifying force in our region—a center of cultural exchange. It has provided programs to support, celebrate, and honor the Asian and Pacific Islander people. It has given us all an opportunity to celebrate art, education, culture, and cuisine—some of the core elements of everyday lives that have been challenged over the course of the last couple of years. It has brought us together.

Through it all, over the last quarter of a century, the APCC has not only endured—it has thrived. Over the years, so many of us have learned so much from APCC programs. Personally, I have participated in traditional ceremonies at Samoan Cultural Days and at the Korean Chuseok Festival. I got to join with my youngest daughter in making dumplings (I was terrible at it, but my kiddo was terrific). I've joined the APCC in prayer and healing after tragic moments in our country. And I've joined them in great joy and celebration. And I know I'm not alone. Indeed, by hosting cultural events and activities, sponsoring youth programs, and conducting outstanding outreach, the Asia Pacific Cultural Center has become a pillar of our community.

Through its work, the APCC helps us live up to a vision laid out by Gandhi when he said, "I do not want my house to be walled in on all sides and my windows to be stuffed." He said, "I want the culture of all lands to be blown about my house as freely as possible." The Asia Pacific Cultural Center has brought the cultures of 47 countries into our home. The APCC has made our community stronger.

I would like to recognize and congratulate the organization's tremendous leadership, including Executive Director Lua Pritchard, President and Founder Patsy Surh O'Connell, the board, and every person in our community that has supported their extraordinary work. It matters.

As a representative for our region in our Nation's capital, I want to thank the APCC for its partnership and congratulate the organization for 25 years of service and dedication to our community. I look forward to working with the Asia Pacific Cultural Center for years to come.

It is an honor to represent them and our region.

BOX-IT FITNESS

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, our small business community in South Jersey was heavily impacted by the global pandemic, just as many other small businesses were across the nation. However, one local business serving Cape May County made it through the pandemic and has recently expanded with a second location. Jeff and Courtney Wallace, owners of Box-It Fitness, continue to spread health and wellness across Cape May County. Box-It Fitness offers a diverse selection of boxing and fitness classes every day. Congratulations to Jeff and Courtney on the grand opening of the second Box-It Fitness location. God bless Jeff and Courtney and God bless America.

IN RECOGNITION OF AMERICAN
VETERANS COLIN POWELL POST
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HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the many contributions of American Veterans (AMVETS) Post 910, named for Colin Powell, in the City of Detroit in Michigan's 13th Congressional District.

The members of the Colin Powell Post came together with a purpose, to help the veterans and their families in creating a better quality of life and to make a positive change in the community. Post 910 has focused its mission on assisting homeless veterans across Detroit and Wayne County. They have hosted countless events in support of those who have served our country in the military. They have regularly offered a listening ear and fellowship to veteran patients at John Dingell Veterans Administration Hospital in Detroit.

In addition to its charitable work, Post 910 has worked to strengthen its ties to local high school Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) programs. They have recognized ROTC students' achievements at schools across Detroit. Still, the Post 910 members devote countless hours to community events, participating in local parades and events honoring the service of our veterans. They dedicate their time all year round to giving back to the community by hosting holiday toy drives for local children, Thanksgiving meals for those in need, and so much more.

Please join me in recognizing Detroit's Colin Powell AMVETS Post 910 for their many outstanding contributions to the communities of Detroit and 13th District Strong.

RETIREMENT OF ANA B. HINOJOSA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TRADE REMEDY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT, OFFICE OF TRADE—CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

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Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I rise along with my colleagues, Rep. BILL PASCRELL and Rep. DAN KILDEE, to commemorate the successful federal career of Ana Hinojosa, Executive Director for Trade Remedy and Law Enforcement at Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) Office of Trade. Ms. Hinojosa retires after more than 33 years of service at CBP.

As Members of the Committee on Ways and Means, we would like to commend Ms. Hinojosa on her efforts to support and lead CBP's trade functions. She has served in many trade-related roles in her time at CBP, including at the World Customs Organization (WCO), where she led the directorate that is responsible for assisting WCO Members in implementing effective and efficient controls, ensuring fair and accurate revenue collection, and protecting society by intercepting and suppressing illicit and criminal activities.

Ms. Hinojosa has also played an instrumental role in CBP's enforcement of the prohibition on the importation of goods made with forced labor. As Members who worked hard to close the "consumptive demand" loophole in the import ban in 2016, we recognize that the key to the effectiveness of the improved law would be strong enforcement.

Ms. Hinojosa has been critical in leading CBP's efforts in this regard. During numerous congressional briefings, Ms. Hinojosa demonstrated her work ethic and passion for this issue, supporting enforcement on a wide array of products from a diverse group of countries. While much more remains to be done on forced labor, we applaud Ms. Hinojosa's work to dramatically expand and improve CBP's enforcement efforts on this critically important issue.

Ms. Hinojosa was also a Past President of Executive Women in Government, which is an organization that focuses on helping women in middle- to upper-level management positions reach Executive level positions in the U.S. Government.

We wish to congratulate Ms. Hinojosa on her retirement and express of gratitude for her many years of public service, particularly her commitment to enforcing the prohibition of forced labor imports. We wish her the best in her future endeavors.

ZACHARY WHITELEY—EAGLE
SCOUT

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Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, this month, I had the pleasure of presenting Zachary Whiteley with his Eagle Scout Court of Honor. One day, Zachary noticed that the